

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PREVENT UNJUST DISCRIMINATIONS IN RATES FOR TRANSPORTATION OF FREIGHTS BY RAILWAY CORPORATIONS, COMPANIES OR INDIVIDUALS, DOING BUSINESS AS COMMON CARRIERS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, WITHIN THE STATE OF IOWA, AND TO PROVIDE A PUNISHMENT THEREFOR.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa :*

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any railway corporation, company or individual, as  
2 owners, lessees, trustees or receivers, whether appointed, incorporated or organized under  
3 the laws of this State, or under the laws of any other State, and doing business in whole or  
4 in part within this State, to charge, demand, or receive, for the transportation of any  
5 freight whatever, from any point on its line, a larger sum for shipping such freight any dis-  
6 tance than is at the same time charged, demanded or received for the same or like freight,  
7 transported or to be transported for some longer distance on said line. The intent of this  
8 act being to prohibit said carriers from charging a larger sum for transporting a short dis-  
9 tance that is charged on the same line for a longer distance.

SEC. 2. Any railway corporation, or the owners or operators of any railroad, doing busi-  
2 ness in this State, guilty of violating the provisions of this act, shall forfeit for each such  
3 offense, to the person, company or corporation aggrieved thereby, three times the actual  
4 damage sustained, or the overcharges paid, by the said party aggrieved, together with the  
5 costs of suit and reasonable attorney's fees, to be fixed by the court in which the action to  
6 recover such penalty is brought or pending.

SEC. 3. Any railway corporation, or the owners or operators of any railroad doing busi-  
2 ness in this State, guilty of violating any of the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a  
3 misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be adjudged to pay a fine in any sum not  
4 less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars for the first offense, and  
5 for each subsequent offense not less than five thousand dollars nor more than ten thousand  
6 dollars. And the property of the railroad company shall be liable to seizure to satisfy and  
7 pay any fine so adjudged against its officers, agents or employees.